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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shigeyuki MARUYAMA et al.

Serial Number: 09/577,932

Group Art Unit: 2815

Filed: May 25, 2000

Examiner: C. Chu

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING AN ALIGNMENT MARK
FORMED BY THE SAME MATERIAL WITH A METAL POST

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated July 31, 2001.

In the Action, restriction is required between the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-5 and 13, drawn to a semiconductor device; and
- II. Claims 6-12, drawn to a method of testing a semiconductor device.

Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of **Group I, claims 1-5 and 13**, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicant's rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 35 U.S.C. § 121 are retained.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

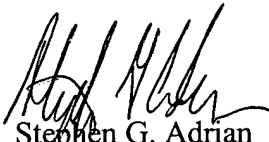
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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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